

## COX'S CAMPAIGN MAKING HEADWAY; G. O. P. CONFIDENT

Whether or Not Democrat  
Can Win Depends On  
His Offensive Fight.

### UNDER A BIG HANDICAP

Expected to Turn the Tide on  
First Campaign Tour of  
East and West.

By David Lawrence.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (Copyright, 1920).—Nearly two of the four months of the Presidential campaign have elapsed and there is not much reason to change as yet the forecast of the probable outcome which followed up on the two national conventions. Judged by reports from all parts of the country, from Democratic as well as Republican sources, as matters stand to-day, Senator Harding, the Republican nominee, has the lead and were the election held this week he would win, though hardly by the same margin that he might have secured when he was first nominated.

In other words, the campaign of Gov. Cox has made some headway. Whether it will make enough headway to overcome the Harding lead is another question, the answer to which lies in the campaign yet to be made by both candidates and the workers in their behalf.

The Democrats are blating away as intensely as they can with a clumsy organization. The Republicans are holding back with a smooth-working machine that can be increased in speed at any time. The Republicans, say they don't think much of August drives and declare they prefer rather to rely on the drive made in October.

### HARDING HAS TWO-YEAR HANDICAP.

But the race between Cox and Harding can best be described by taking as an analogy the recent yacht race between America and England. One boat was given seven minutes' handicap in order of time so that her competitor could even cross the finish line first but still not win.

Senator Harding has practically a two-year handicap. He has behind him all the strength of the Republican offensive which began with the capture of Congress in the 1918 elections and has continued ever since. The Democrats, on the other hand, admittedly were on the defensive and depended nevertheless on their leader, Woodrow Wilson, for most of the fighting.

### DEMOCRATIC OFFENSIVE FIGHT HAS JUST BEGUN.

When the President did get back the Democrats were heartened considerably, for they again had a leader, but, unhappily for them, Mr. Wilson suffered a nervous breakdown within three months and has been out of the political game ever since. None of the Presidential candidates on the Democratic side seemed willing to seize the reins of leadership in the absence of word from the President as to his desire to run for a third term. As a consequence, it may truly be said—indeed, it is admitted by Democratic managers—that the Democratic defense did not begin in earnest until the San Francisco Convention. As for an offense, that did not start until the notification ceremonies at Dayton, which gave aggressive Mr. Cox a chance to start at offensive of his own.

The big question of victory for Governor Cox turns on his ability to wear down an offensive of two years' making. That offensive managed to implant certain ideas about the League of Nations and certain other ideas about Mr. Wilson's Cabinet officers, which, irrespective of the facts, have taken hold. It is the impression made by the Republican offensive and not necessarily the logic of their arguments which counts.

Unquestionably, Gov. Cox understands his situation, for it will be noticed he is spending much of his time refuting the impression that any foreign power could at any time order American boys to war. He has not yet said very much to indicate affirmatively what his domestic policies would be with respect to the selection of Cabinet officers or the Administration of the ten Government departments. He hasn't differentiated between his own record in office and the various points of criticism leveled at the Wilson Administration.

### DANGER TO HARDING IN A NEGATIVE CAMPAIGN POLICY.

The strategy is to sit tight until then and rely on the handicap they have—the resentment against the Wilson Administration. Some Republicans are inclined to believe a purely negative policy is dangerous and are hopeful that Senator Harding will begin to outline concretely his proposals for taxation, government administration and foreign policy before the middle of October. But the majority of the Republican leaders think they have a certain victory ahead. As for Harding, O. the at-temper at Harding headquarters is altogether Presidential. The feeling there is that it is all over but the shouting and very frequently the conversation turns to Cabinet officers and appointments under the expected Republican regime. It has some of the aspects of overconfidence, but on reading their reports from all sections of the country one can readily see the reason for overconfidence, based upon the campaign as it has thus far developed.

## Catch a Slippery Eel Burglar And Get Nary a Blue Fish Bite

Was the Eel  
a Marauding  
Philanthropist  
or Just  
Plain Thief?



Did He Use  
His Teeth or  
His Fingers to  
Break Lock of  
the Bait Box?

Frederick Briggs of Plandome, L. I., who designs school houses and Pennsylvania stations and the like to induce his artistic tastes, but makes a serious business of deep sea fishing, has asked public aid in solving a problem of the utmost importance.

On a recent blustering trip with Walter Mullen, Richard Thomas and A. Swoboda of Port Washington, and John Hines of Great Neck, Mr. Briggs took the utmost pains to see that the three quarts of herring or shiner minnows taken along as fluke bait in case the blues were not biting, were safely secured in a float fish car over-board.

The blues did not bite. It was then discovered that the turn button on the fish car had been opened, the lid was flapping awash in the rolling seas and all but a cupful of the little fish had gone free. But in the almost

empty car was a 30-inch eel which had not been there when the fish were locked in.

Now, what Mr. Briggs wants to know is whether that insidious eel was a philanthropist seeking to free his tiny scaly brethren from their unhappy fate as fluke bait or whether he was a marauder—and just how he fastened that turn button (eels having no visible fingers or toes with which to manipulate turn buttons), is what is bothering Mr. Briggs.

Mr. Swoboda, who is something of a scientist, thinks the eel came up from the depths and did the deed with its teeth.

Capt. Charles Fearrell, who took his party out from Babylon on the motor sloop Quo Vadis, maintains stiffly that he doesn't know a darned thing about it except that nothing like that ever happened on his boat and all but a cupful of the little fish had gone free. But in the almost

## NEW YORK TO TAX SEARLES'S ESTATE MANY THOUSANDS

Dead Millionaire Had Sold  
Real Estate for Bond  
Investments.

Though the only real property Edward F. Searles is known to have owned in this State at his death was a block at Tenth Street and Second Avenue, this city, New York State officials expect to collect several hundred thousand dollars' tax on his big estate. Last January he sold the valuable property at No. 1 Broadway to the International Mercantile Marine and adjoining properties to other interests, and in his latter years had expressed a desire to dispose of all of his real estate and turn the money into bonds. New York will benefit by levying its inheritance tax on the securities and personal property transferred under his will as well as on the real estate in New York.

Two rooms in the Murray Hill Hotel, apparently, were Searles's legal residence. He stayed at the hotel on his visits here, which became infrequent in recent years. He came to and went silently from the rooms, speaking to nobody in the hotel, never sending advance notice of a visit, but expecting always to find the rooms ready for him when he arrived.

On the strength of his avowal of New York residence, the State expects to collect a tax which is admitted to be prohibitive. The rate of levy under the inheritance tax law is: On the first \$25,000, 5 per cent.; on the next \$75,000 7 per cent.; and on the balance, 8 per cent. Failure to pay within eighteen months of death entails a penalty of 10 per cent. additional.

The total of the Searles estate is reckoned at \$500,000. Rumors have been circulated during the last few days that it may prove far below that, as a consequence of "unwise investments," but there is no evidence to support such a belief. Mrs. Searles was generally credited with having left \$100,000, and in the will contest that followed her death Searles testified that he was worth from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

One of several surprises in Searles's will, in addition to the clause that marked Arthur T. Walker, his business secretary in the office at No. 71 Broadway, his residuary legatee, was the provision by which \$10,000 was given to Angelo Milton Ellison. The executor of the will was unable to identify Ellison.

Ellison, however, may be found in the rooms Nos. 666 and 647 at the Murray Hill Hotel, where Searles made his home when in New York. He is a young man of Italian descent, whom, according to reports, Searles found working in a hotel, took a fancy to and hired.

### 600 FIREMEN AT FUNERAL.

Comrades Honor Dennis Donovan,  
Who Was Killed On Duty.

Six hundred firemen, led by Acting Chief Joseph B. Martin, to-day marched in the funeral procession of Fireman Dennis Donovan of Engine 30, killed Tuesday night at a fire at No. 45 West 14th Street.

Leaving the Church of St. Alphonsus in West Broadway, the cortege, led by the Fire Department Band, passed the houses of Engine 30 in Spring Street, Engine 13 in Wouter Street, Engine 10 in Mercer Street, and Engine 20 in Lafayette Street, at each of the companies with at least one representative outdoors with their bells tolling.

After a solemn high mass of requiem, Father Patrick J. O'Connor, parish priest, pronounced the eulogy.

### PINCUS FREED ON BAIL.

Cert Will Be Unable to Appear in  
Court for Several Weeks.

Solomon Pincus, a jewelry repairman, of No. 1475 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, who has been held in the Tombs prison pending the outcome of injuries to Louis A. Cert, to-day was admitted to \$5,000 bail by Magistrate Harris in Tombs Police Court.

When Pincus's case was called Assistant District Attorney Lehman said Mr. Cert still was confined to Broad Street Hospital, where he was taken after being knocked against an I. pillar Tuesday, and that while he was apparently he would not be able to appear in court for several weeks. The hearing was adjourned until Sept. 14.

## LEATHER OFFICERS SEEK TO SHARE IN COMPANY'S PROFITS

Plan to Add to Income of High  
Salaried Officials Stirs  
Stockholders.

Holders of the preferred and common stock of the American Hide and Leather Company received the shock of their lives to-day when they were asked to assent, at a meeting to be held on Sept. 1, to a plan proposed by the officers and Board of Directors which would set aside a stipulated percentage of the profits for distribution among the President and Vice Presidents of the company.

Stockholders say the President's salary runs into six figures and that the officials of the company have not only voted themselves unduly huge salaries but have grabbed huge sums in "commissions" and bonuses. The holders of the common stock have never received a dividend. The company holds an accumulation of 115 per cent. in dividends which the preferred stockholders are clamoring for. It is probable that the latest plan of the officials of the company will arouse the stockholders to concerted action. They say that as owners of the company they would be foolish to vote away all their interest in surplus earnings to officials who are already enjoying large incomes.

## \$500,000 ADDED TO COURT HOUSE COST

Major House, in Charge of Construction, Admits Extras for Limestone.

Major John E. House who is in charge of all construction work on the new Court House under Architect Guy Lowell confirms the claim that the city would pay probably \$500,000 more for the stone work under the limestone contract approved by Mayor Hylan and Controller Craig than the work would cost under private contract.

"The fact that this is a public bid and that there must be public bids is responsible for the higher price," he said. "If this building were the subject of a private contract and the architect were allowed to dick and bargain among the various contractors who could get the limestone work done for probably \$500,000 less."

The contract was awarded to Henry Hainlein & Son, the only firm to submit a limestone bid. Commissioner Hirschfeld is expected to start his investigation of the contract when he returns from a series of holidays. In the mean time the contract is "on ice," the Mayor not yet having signed it.

### CAPTURED DESPITE BOAST.

Cymanski Run Down in Newark  
After Ninth Escape.

With a record of having escaped from penal institutions nine times in the last dozen years and despite his boast that he never again would be taken alive, William Cymanski, twenty-six, said by the police to be leader of a dangerous band of burglars, was captured early to-day as he was leaving a saloon in Springfield Avenue, Newark. Three detectives who pounced upon him took from him a Jimmy, a flashlight, a pistol and a belt filled with cartridges.

Cymanski's most recent escape in April when he leaped from a speeding automobile carrying three prisoners, secured for a series of hold-ups. The other two, James Wilderman and Frank Winder, are now serving 30 year sentences in the New Jersey State Prison, which include charges of highway robbery.

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## SWANN DECLARES HE KNOWS THE MAN WHO HURT SLAVIN

When He Gets a Statement  
From Injured Man, He Says,  
Grand Jury Will Get Case.

District Attorney Swann says he knows how John C. Slavin, the actor, was injured Aug. 8, when he was taken to St. Luke's Hospital from in front of the home of John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, suffering from a fractured skull which has caused him to be unconscious and delirious since that time—thirteen days. He adds that it was not an accident, and that as soon as Slavin is able to talk he will present his facts to the Grand Jury or to a city Magistrate.

McGraw, who was escorted home from the Lamb's Club in a taxi by Slavin and Winfield Liggett after the baseball manager had been thrashed in the club by William H. Boyd, an actor, has joined the Giants in Chicago.

A. O. Brown, Chairman of the House Committee of the Lamb's, is standing pat on his statement, made after the battle, that McGraw was the aggressor in his fight with Boyd and that Slavin was not injured at the club.

Prohibition Enforcement Agent Skelvin says that the investigation into McGraw's admission that he was intoxicated at the time of the row, and that he bought liquor at the Lamb's Club, is being carried on.

Slavin is improving steadily, according to Assistant Superintendent Williams of St. Luke's, and was able to talk coherently the first time since his injury. Raymond Slavin admitted his father was showing signs of improvement, but denied that he was able to talk as yet.

When District Attorney Swann was asked why no action had been taken in the case he said:

"As soon as I can get a statement from the injured man I will lay it on the table before the Grand Jury. In the event Mr. Slavin should die I will present all the facts to the Grand Jury or to a City Magistrate as the facts warrant."

"I know exactly who hit Slavin and how he came to hit him. I know exactly how he came by his injuries. It was not an accident. The evidence is in this office."

## DR. HARTUNG'S CASE RECALLS MURDER

Attack and Robbery Like That of  
Dr. Campesi, Who Was  
Found Slain.

Detectives working on the case of Dr. Emil F. Hartung of No. 353 Marion Street, Brooklyn, who was beaten and robbed of jewelry worth over \$3,000, while answering what purported to be a call for his professional services at No. 277 Marion Street, yesterday, recalled to-day an almost parallel case this year culminating in murder.

On March 25 last Dr. Vincent J. Campesi of No. 48 Stagg Street, Brooklyn, responded to a hurry call for his services at a furnished room in Lorimer Street. He was later found slumped and strangled to death, his hands clutching the throat of a strange man whom he had strangled to death in his own dying struggles.

Dr. Hartung was reported improving to-day. He was able to look at one of the men caught in the case of Dr. Hartung cleared the man of complicity in the robbery and assault. He was reported to be in good health and was expected to return to his home in the city, especially the woman's watch and jewelry, which he had been carrying on his person and which he intended giving to his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Garrit.

## LEAVES HUGE STORE OF FINE LIQUORS

Chicago Millionaire's Cellar Contains 3,443 Quarts of Whiskey and Much Wine.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—The inventory of the estate of George Francis Griffin, a millionaire, who dropped dead in Florida May 3, comprises a \$20,000 steel wine cellar in his Astor Street home containing the following:

Ninety-six gallons of whiskey, 2,140 quarts of bourbon, 1,303 quarts of Scotch, 1,113 quarts of champagne, 48 quarts of gin, 148 quarts of vermouth, 2,000 bottles of Rhine, French and Italian wines, 200 quarts of cordials and 21 bottles of beer.

Mr. Griffin's estate is valued at \$1,500,000.

### Spanish War Veterans Give Dinner.

A traditional dinner is to be given by the New York chapter of the United States Spanish War Veterans, it was announced to-day, at the Hotel Astor on Sept. 8. Many men prominent in civil, military and naval life have been invited to attend. More than 100 caps will be represented at the dinner.

## COX CHARGES SENATE GROUP CONTROLS HARDING

Named Him in Back Room of  
Hotel, Not in Convention,  
Says Governor.

ORVILLE C. Aug. 21.—Another spirited attack on the "Senate oligarchy" was made here to-day by Gov. Cox in an address replying to that delivered recently by Senator Harding, his Republican opponent, in which Mr. Harding commended the Senate as a forum of popular government.

"The Republican candidate," said Gov. Cox, "has devoted a front porch session to the defense of the United States Senate. With characteristic reactionary isolation from the current of public thought, he fails to distinguish between the United States Senate as an institution and the list of United States Senators who have taken charge of an important part of the Government."

"It is our contention that a group of men have formed a domineering, arrogant oligarchy in the Senate and that they have deliberately interfered with the welfare of the world, delayed readjustment in this country, all to the distinct injury and disadvantage of the people."

Continuing his attack upon Republican campaign contributions, Gov. Cox also charged that "the greedy interests which are making the contributions have been in notorious concert with the Senatorial oligarchy."

In his attacking the Senate leaders, Gov. Cox also again stressed the necessity for the League of Nations, reiterating and expanding former arguments in its support.

"The man in the street," said Gov. Cox, "looks with great misgivings on the whole chain of circumstances that has developed since the early hours of the morning when the choice of the Republican leaders was made in the hotel, and not in the convention hall at Chicago."

He said that Senator Harding was under obligations to this group and that every day brought new evidence of this fact.

"It was never the intention of the men who wrote the Constitution," he said, "that a dominating group in the Senate should obstruct the treaty-making agencies of government on conscientious pretext while moved by the hidden purpose of promoting party advantage. The very argument which Senator Harding presents in support of the Senatorial individuality certainly holds with equal logic to the preservation of executive individuality. Not only will the people at all times regard any departure from this principle as dangerous, but they resent the attempt now being made to turn the Senate and Presidency into a single unit of government."

## RELATIVES CUT OFF IN \$2,000,000 WILL

Sister of Mrs. Bemis, Widow of  
Standard Oil Man, Starts Contest  
in White Plains.

A contest over the \$2,000,000 estate of the late Mrs. Frances B. Bemis, widow of William B. Bemis, a Standard Oil Company official, has been started before Surrogate Slater at White Plains by Mrs. Kittie F. Hunting of Rye Neck, sister of Mrs. Bemis. Mrs. Hunting claims that her daughter, Miss Mildred F. Hunting, was left a large sum in another will executed by Mrs. Bemis Sept. 28, 1917. The will offered for probate gave the entire estate to friends.

Martin Casey, Standard Oil attorney, opposes the contest. Edward F. Stark of No. 26 Broadway, and Frederick D. Friend of Rye have been named temporary administrators.

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## NEW RED DEMAND IN PEACE MEETING

Soviet Chairman Raises Point That  
Poles Must Get Mandate to  
Cover the Ukraine.

LONDON, Aug. 21 (Associated Press).—At the second sitting of the Russo-Polish Conference Thursday at Minsk, according to a wireless despatch received here from Moscow to-day, M. Danilevsky, Chairman of the Russian Soviet delegation, asserted the Ukraine was an independent republic allied to Russia. He therefore proposed that the Polish delegates obtain a supplementary mandate from the Polish Government authorizing the delegation to conduct peace negotiations with the Ukraine.

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